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SUBJECT: SOHYO CHAIRMAN MAKIEDA VISIT TO U.S.

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1. JUDGING FROM OUR KNOWLEDGE MAINICHI ACCOUNT EXAGGERATED.
NO WORD OF MEETING HAS APPEARED IN PRESS HERE.

2. ON AUGUST 2 SOHYO INTERNATIONAL BUREAU DIRECTOR DOKI
CALLED ON GOOD AND HARRIS. HE DESCRIBED IT AS SOLELY
A "COURTESY" CALL. DOKI WAS RADIATING PLEASURE AND GOOD
WILL, PRESUMABLY ESPECIALLY BECAUSE MEETING BETWEEN
MAKIEDA AND MEANY HAD TAKEN PLACE SUCCESSFULLY. DOKI
AND AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR
ERNIE LEE WERE BOTH PRESENT AT MEETING BETWEEN MAKIEDA AND
MEANY. DOKI SAID MEETING HAD LASTED ABOUT 20 MINUTES
AND THAT MEANY HAD BEEN VERY PLEASANT. DOKI EXPRESSED
HOPE THAT "SOLID HOUSE OF GOOD RELATIONS COULD BE BUILT
ON THE SOUND FOUNDATION LAID DURING THE MEETING". WE
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DOUBT THAT ANYTHING MORE SUBSTANTIVE OCCURRED DURING

MEETING THAN THIS ESTABLISHMENT OF A BASIS FOR FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

3. AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED HARRIS THAT MEANY IMMEDIATELY AFTER MEETING WITH MAKIEDA FIRED OFF A LETTER REPORTING AND CLARIFYING THE MEETING TO DOMEI CHAIRMAN AMAIKE.

4. ON AUGUST 3 DOMEI INTERNATIONAL BUREAU DIRECTOR AIHARA TELEPHONED ERNIE LEE, WHO GAVE HIM A FULL ACCOUNT OF THE MEETING. APPEARS THAT BOTH MEANY AND LEE STRESSED THAT THE MEETING SHOULD MAKE NO DIFFERENCE IN THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE AFL-CIO AND DOMEI.

5. IT APPEARS TO US THAT THE USG SHOULD ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN A DISCREET AND RESPECTFUL NON-INVOLVEMENT IN THIS DEVELOPING LOVE TRIANGLE. KISSINGER

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